



Provider Communication

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Dear Providers,
Ambulatory Surgical Center

The Department of Community Health recently completed the correction of most of the problems occurring with claims adjudication. However, the problems with prior approval and co-pay continue and we are working with our fiscal agent to develop solutions.

For procedure codes, V2785, V2790, L8610, L8612, and L8642, submit the invoice price on the UB-92. The Department has reviewed claims and frequently found the price on the UB-92 is greater than the price on the invoice. This practice could lead to recoupment of funds. Please do not submit shipping and handling charges. The invoice for the procedure codes listed above must contain the member's name and must accompany the claim.

The review of claims also revealed some providers are submitting the bilateral indicator and multiple units on the same line for the same procedure code. Any procedure that is covered as a bilateral procedure should be submitted with a 50 modifier. Those claims that were submitted with multiple units and a 50 modifier will be re-processed at some time in the future.

The review also noted the same procedure code billed on line one was billed on line two with a fifty modifier. Bill the most appropriate procedure code and modifier. If the procedure code billed can be billed with a 50 modifier, bill with the 50 modifier and if a modifier is not appropriate bill the procedure code with the appropriate number of units on one line only.

We apologize for the continued problems and want to ensure you that we are working to resolve all issues. Please continue to read your banner message weekly. Any reprocessing of past claims will be conveyed via the banner message.

We do not have any current reprocessing dates or "fix" dates for outstanding problems. For any other questions, please call Stephanie Simmons, Program Specialist for ASC, at (404) 657-9126.

Sincerely,

Department of Community Health